

**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE
SILSDEN YOUTH COUNCIL
7 FEBRUARY 2006**

Commenced: 6.35 pm

Concluded: 7.45 pm

Present – Silsden Youth Council

George Barclay (Chair)

Youth Council Committee Members (4): Jim Atkinson, Sam Boyes, Joe Sutcliffe and Lindsay Bottomley

Youth Council Co-ordinator Cllr.P. Bottomley, Youth Council Clerk Mrs K. Wood
Cllr L. Walton.

Bradford Youth Services

Louise Hargreaves from Silsden Youth Centre

St James Church & Methodist Church Youth Club

Steve Loryman

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs M Elsmore and E Trainor, Ashley Roberts and Caradoc Chapman.

Minutes of meeting on 3rd January 2006

Approved and proposed as correct by Sam Boyes, seconded by Jim Atkinson and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

1. Lighting/CCTV for Rocks & Ramps Area – The Clerk reported that she had received a communication from Mel Smith of BMDC Parks & Landscapes that he was waiting for Mervyn Redshaw from Street Lighting to come back with a price from the YEB with reference to putting a cable in to run the floodlights. He had not mentioned the camera. This was therefore carried forward to the next meeting and the Clerk was to send a reminder to Mel Smith.
2. Extension of lighting times at the M.U.G.A – Cllr Bottomley reported that agreement had been reached with the school and that lighting had been extended - now 3.30 pm to 8.30 pm every day except Tuesday and Thursday when it was 9 pm. Cllr Walton made the point that in order not to waste electricity the lights should go on later. It was agreed to raise this matter at the forthcoming M.U.G.A. meeting on 27th February.
3. Half pipe funding - There had been no report from PC Craig Stothers regarding an application to Network for Young People which had to be in by February 20th. Cllr Bottomley would continue to try to make contact with PC Stothers. It was suggested as the Network wanted applications from the young people themselves that Lindsay Bottomley makes contact on behalf of Silsden Youth Council.
4. Sign – Rocks & Ramp area – Cllr Bottomley circulated pictures of the sign, dedicated to Patrick Lawton, which had been recently erected at the Rocks and Ramps area. It was unanimously agreed that this sign was excellent.
5. Beck Clean-up Project – Item 7 of the agenda was brought forward for discussion at this point.

Project 'Beck Bash' – 18th March 2006

The Clerk reported that Steve Loryman had kindly applied on behalf of Silsden Youth Council to Action Earth for a £50 grant for the refreshment costs of the event. This had been accepted under the name of 'Beck Bash' and the Clerk put on display the promotional items and certificates received from Action Earth, together with a feedback form and application form for the funding payable after the event. Detailed organisation of the event would take place at the next meeting on 7th March but the following action points were agreed:

- The Clerk was to ascertain from the Town Clerk if the Methodist Church was holding a coffee morning on 18th March so that the funding for refreshments could be directed there. Failing that approaches were to be made to a local coffee shop.
- The Clerk was to enter the required information on the Action Earth promotional poster for circulation within the town. Cllr Bottomley undertook to carry out the printing of the posters and bring to the next meeting. It was agreed that posters should be given for display to the Post Office, Youth Centre, Silsden Football and Rugby clubs, Silsden Scouts and Guides and the Majorettes. Note was made of the offers of assistance in distributing these posters. The aim was to get as much support and helpers as possible on the day.
- Youth Council members were asked to make every effort to attend on the day.
- Cllr Bottomley undertook to contact the Town Clerk re obtaining the £50 cash for the refreshments which would of course be refunded by Action Earth.

Youth Centre Project

Louise Hargreaves reported the following costs for the various proposed electrical equipment at the Youth Centre:

1. Projection system	£2115.00
2. Plasma screen including software and cabling	£2350.00
3. Touch screen jukebox system including all equipment	£1880.00
4. Small office control system including hardware and hard drive for music	£1292.50
5. Installation of the above items	<u>£2500.00</u>
	£10,137.50

The staging would cost £1849.35.

Louise Hargreaves reported that they had currently got funding for £38,500 and were £5756.55 short.

It was unanimously agreed therefore that Cllr Bottomley should seek funding totalling £6000 which would cover items 1, 2 and 4 above. She had 5 possible funders in mind but it would be important to pick funders that pay the money out relatively quickly. Work was planned to be complete by the end of March but this will probably not happen.

Possibility of Youth Council meetings being held at the Youth Centre

It was unanimously agreed that meetings would remain in the Council Chamber for the time being but the matter would be reconsidered once the Youth Centre was re-opened after the work mentioned above.

Recording of Achievement

Louise Hargreaves of Youth Services explained the two possible systems for the recording of achievement – the ASDAN system and the Youth Achievement Ward system. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the latter would be more flexible. Louise then went on to outline the costs per application for Bronze – 60 hours (£8), Silver – 90 hours (£8.50), Gold – 120 hours (£9), (Platinum was £9.50 but was for older applicants). Hours could be backdated so could include the Rocks and Ramps project. Many Youth Council members had already acquired over 100 hours and Cllr Bottomley gave Louise Hargreaves the record of hours table.

Cllr Bottomley proposed that this should be supported and funded by the Youth Council. Louise Hargreaves pointed out that it may well be possible for the Youth Centre to fund it.

This matter was to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Deutsche Bank Nomination

Cllr Bottomley reported that a nomination for all the Youth Council committee had been submitted for which there was a £1000 award if successful but certainly certificates would be received. She thanked Steve Loryman for suggesting this nomination.

Other Matters

Lindsay Bottomley raised the following matters in which considerable interest was shown. She was therefore asked to provide further detailed information for the next meeting.

- 1) Through her work at ConneXions she had ascertained that the RAF gave motivational sessions with groups of young people on things like teamwork or communication and it was free of charge.
- 2) The Key Fund Project which funded groups of young people to go bowling, the cinema and - for over 14s - paint balling. It could also be £100 for a meal or £300 for a proper day out.
- 3) For those interested in cars there was a project (instigated by Lindsay Bottomley) whereby young people were taught over 8 weeks on the workings of a motor engine eg how to strip down an engine etc. There was a certificate given at the end and it was pointed out that this could go towards individuals' achievement awards.

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 7 March at 6.30 pm. Cllr Bottomley said that attendance at Youth Council meetings would go towards achievement awards and members were always to bring their agenda and minutes with them as this would also count.

Being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.45 pm

Prepared by
K Wood
Clerk to Silsden Youth Council

..... Chair
Signed as true 7.3.06